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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 415X); BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Cavalier County, ND

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) previously filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 20.93-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 74.07 near Langdon and milepost 95.00 near Hannah, in Cavalier County, ND. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on May 21, 2004 (69 FR 29348). The exemption became effective on June 22, 2004.

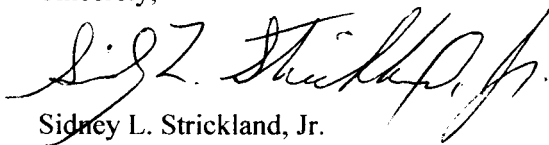
By decision served April 25, 2005, the STB granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation until December 31, 2005. Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until July 1, 2006.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 295-4024.

Sincerely,



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